

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 4 and 7 in the Final Action mailed May 24, 2005 is appreciated. Both claims have been rewritten in independent form adding respectively the claims from which they depend in the form that existed when claims 4 and 7 were deemed allowable by the Examiner.

Rejected claim 11 depends from claim 7 deemed allowable by the Examiner, if written in independent form, which has been done. Claim 11 should be allowed for the same reasons as support the allowability of claim 7. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 11 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite that the housing includes a bore to receive the cable lock body and that the cable lock body is affixed to said housing within said bore. It is submitted that given its broadest reasonable interpretation neither claim can be read on prior art patent to Garvey. Moreover, as pointed out in the Manual at Section 2111.01;

("Claims are not to be read in a vacuum, and limitations therein are to be interpreted in light of the specification in giving them their 'broadest reasonable interpretation'. *In re Marosi*, 710 F.2d 799, 802, 218 USPQ 289, 292 (Fed. Cir. 1983) (quoting *In re Okuzawa*, 537 F.2d 545, 548, 190 USPQ 464, 466 (CCPA 1976) (emphasis in original)).

Following this caveat, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 6 cannot be read so broadly as to embrace the totally different structure of the Garvey disclosure.

It should also be mentioned that claim 6 recites that the claimed housing is "separate from the members to be secured." Thus, the members cannot be deemed part of the claimed housing. It is further pointed out that claims 2 and 3 recite the structure that connects the cable lock body to the housing within the bore in the housing. No disclosure of such connection

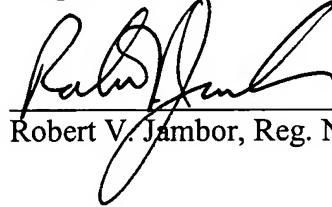
structure is contained in the prior art Garvey patent. It is suggested that the structure of such connection, recited in allowed claim 7, was the basis for its allowance.

Finally, it is pointed out that claim 9 recites essentially the same element as is recited in previously allowed claim 4, namely a base with a leg permanently connecting the base (and housing) to one of the members to be secured.

Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Any required fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 10-0460.

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